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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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:) Examiner: UNASSIGNED
Minoru Matsuguma, et al. :)
:) Art Unit: UNASSIGNED
Application No.: 10/682,078 :)
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Filed: October 10, 2003 :)
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING LIFE :)
OF IMAGE BEARING MEMBER, :)
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND :)
CARTRIDGE :) October 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|--|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 12 | MINUS | 20 | = 0 | x \$9 \$18 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 | MINUS | 3 | = 0 | x \$43 \$86 | \$0.00 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT--- | | | | | | \$0.00 |

°Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed.

Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

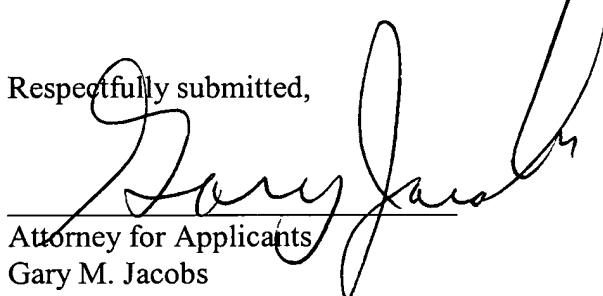
Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows: